

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A recording medium for removably  
cooperating with any one of a plurality of playback devices, said  
recording medium comprising:

5      a memory portion that is configured to store for storing  
a usage indicator that is configured to record for  
recording a measure of usage associated with the content material  
of this recording medium stored in said memory portion, ; and  
10     a baseline register that is configured to store for storing  
at least one baseline-usage parameter that facilitates for  
facilitating a determination of a validity period associated with  
the content material based on the usage indicator.

2. (Currently Amended) The recording medium of as claimed in  
claim 1, wherein:

5      the usage indicator includes a counter that is configured  
to be, said counter being incremented by a playback device when the  
playback device accesses the content material.

3. (Currently Amended) The recording medium of as claimed in  
claim 2, wherein:

the at least one baseline-usage parameter includes  
a copy of the measure of usage of the recording medium  
5 when the content material is stored in the memory portion.

4. (Currently Amended) The recording medium of as claimed in  
claim 53, wherein:

the at least one baseline-usage parameter also includes  
a usage limit ~~that facilitates for facilitating~~ the  
5 determination of the validity period.

5. (Currently Amended) The recording medium of as claimed in  
claim 2, wherein:

the at least one baseline-usage parameter is stored in the  
baseline register in a secure form ~~that facilitates for facilitating~~  
5 a determination of an authenticity of the at least one baseline-  
usage parameter.

6. (Currently Amended) The recording medium of as claimed in  
claim 5, wherein:

the at least one baseline-usage parameter is associated  
with the content material in a secure form ~~that facilitates for~~  
5 facilitating a determination of an authorization of the content  
material.

7. (Currently Amended) The recording medium of as claimed in claim 6, wherein:

the content material contains a watermark, and  
the at least one baseline-usage parameter further includes  
5 a ticket ~~that is~~ based on a hash value of the watermark.

8. (Currently Amended) The recording medium of as claimed in claim 2, wherein:

the at least one baseline-usage parameter includes a security encoding ~~that is~~ based on a private key of a public-private key pair ~~that is~~ associated with a providing source of the content material, and

the security encoding ~~includes~~ including at least one of:  
a digital signature bound to the at least one baseline-usage parameter, and

10 an encryption of the at least one baseline-usage parameter.

9-26. (Cancelled).

27. (Currently Amended) A method of rendering content material ~~that is~~ stored on a recording medium, the method comprising the steps:

determining at least one baseline-usage parameter  
5 associated with the recording medium;  
determining a validity period associated with the content  
material based on the baseline-usage parameter;—  
determining a measure of usage associated with the  
recording medium; and  
10 rendering the content material in dependence upon the  
validity period and the measure of usage.

28. (Currently Amended) The method of as claimed in claim 27,  
wherein said method further includingcomprises the step:

determining an authenticity of the baseline-usage  
parameter,

5 and

—wherein  
the rendering of the content material is in further dependence upon  
the authenticity of the baseline-usage parameter.

29. (Currently Amended) The method of as claimed in claim 27,  
wherein said method further includingcomprises the step:

decrypting the content material to facilitate said  
rendering.

30. (Currently Amended) The method of as claimed in claim 27,  
wherein said method further includingcomprises the steps:

determining a ticket value associated with the content  
material;

5 determining a watermark associated with the content  
material; and

comparing a hashed value of the watermark to the ticket  
value to determine an authorization associated with the content  
material,

10 and

\_\_\_\_\_wherein  
the rendering of the content material is in further dependence upon  
the authorization associated with the content material.